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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Takao IKARIYA et al.

Serial No. NEW

Filed September 14, 2000

: Attn: Application Branch

: Attorney Docket No. 2000-1229

METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY :
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(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional Application
of Serial No. 09/077,787, Filed September 29, 1998)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, below the Title, insert the following -- This Application is a Divisional
Application of Serial No. 09/077,787, filed September 29, 1998, now pending --;
which is a 321 of PCT/JP96/03523
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Dec. 6, 1996.

line 3, change "Technical Field" to -- Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention --;

line 5, change "alcohol" to -- alcohols --;

line 6, change "amine" to -- amines --;

line 10, change "agents" to -- chemicals --;